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SUBJ: CIVAIR: GOB PREPARED LIFT DEADLINE FOR JULY TALKS

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1. IN RESPONSE TO POINTS IN REFTL, ARCHER TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO RECOMMEND LIFTING JULY 1 DEADLINE ONLY IF USG AGREES TO HOLD FURTHER TALKS SOMETIME DURING MONTH OF JULY. IN RESPONSE TO GOB AIDE MEMOIRE OF JUNE 25, EMBOFF PRESENTED ARCHER WITH NOTE AND MADE ADDITIONAL POINTS PER REFTL. ARCHER REPLIED THAT USG POSITION "SEEMS TO OPEN UP SOME POSSIBILITIES" BUT ONLY IF TALKS COULD COMMENCE "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE." EMBOFF MADE PITCH FOR SEPTEMBER SCHEDULING BUT ARCHER QUICKLY REJECTED THIS, POINTING OUT THAT GOB HAD TALKS WITH ANOTHER COUNTRY SLATED FOR MID-SEPTEMBER AND WISHED TO PREPARE FOR IMPORTANT ICAO MONTREAL MEETING STARTING SEPTEMBER 20. IN RESPONSE TO FURTHER EFFORTS BY EMBOFF TO POINT OUT DIFFICULTIES OF JULY SCHEDULING, ARCHER STATED THAT GOB WOULD PUT ROUTE RESTRICTION INTO EFFECT IF U. S. INSISTED ON TALKS IN SEPTEMBER. ARCHER THEN SAID THAT IF USG WOULD INFORM GOB BY JULY 1 THAT IT WOULD AGREE TO MEETING IN JULY HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT GOB NOT PUT PROPOSED ROUTE RESTRICTIONS

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INTO EFFECT. EMBOFF STATED HE WOULD PASS ON GOB POSITION TO

WASHINGTON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. REGARDING SPECIFIC JULY DATES, ARCHER SAID HE WOULD PREFER TALKS BEFORE JULY 14 IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. ALTERNATIVELY, HE SAID SCHEDULING AFTER JULY 22 WOULD BE CONVENIENT. BOTH ARCHER AND PM EXPECT TO BE GONE WEEK OF JULY 15-19 TO REGIONAL HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING IN ST. LUCIA.

3. DURING CONVERSATION, ARCHER ADMITTED THAT GOB'S EFFORTS OBTAIN U.S. ROUTES ARE, AT LEAST IN PART, FOR "NEGOTIATING PURPOSES." ADMISSION CAME WHEN ARCHER MENTIONED "INCONVENIENCES" OF DRAWN-OUT NEGOTIATION FOR GOB, AND EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT "INCONVENIENCE" CAUSED BY GOB DEADLINE AFFECTED U.S. CARRIER AND PASSENGERS FAR MORE DIRECTLY.

4. COMMENT: DISCUSSIONS WERE BRIEF AND BUSINESSLIKE. ARCHER SEEMED SOMEWHAT ENCOURAGED BY U.S. RESPONSE ALTHOUGH HE REMARKED THAT HE HAD HOPED FOR "BETTER EXPLANATION OF WHY GOB COULD NOT HAVE ROUTE INCLUDING BAHAMAS." HE WAS, HOWEVER, ADAMANT ON SCHEDULING TALKS IN JULY.

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